

Dolphins Claim Farallon Swim



DOLPHIN SWIMMERS LEAVE WATER AFTER WINNING FARALLON TO MAINLAND RELAY RACE

Record set by Conrad Liberty, Bob Jimenez, Stewart Evans, Bill Harlan, Lew Cook and Ed Duncan

—Examiner photo by Charles Doherty

Out Going Tide Halts South End RC

The Dolphin Club's six-man swimming team yesterday conquered the rugged waters of the Pacific Ocean between the Farallon Islands and the Golden Gate in the first annual relay race with the South End Rowing Club.

They covered the distance from the Farallones to Aquatic Park, where Conrad Liberty of the winning team hit the shore, in a combined 14 hours, 54 minutes and 13 seconds. The race started Friday night at 11:09 p.m. and ended at 2:07 p.m. yesterday.

Lt. Col. Stewart M. Evans, first man ever to swim to the mainland from the Farallones, was a member of the six-man team. Others were Ed Duncan, Lew Cook, Bill Harlan, Bob Jimenez and Liberty.

The South End swimmers trailed the Dolphin team by 1 hour and 20 minutes but ran into a tide change at 1:12 p.m. Norman Peterson, anchor man for South End, battled the swift waters after reaching the Golden Gate Bridge but finally had to call it quits at 2:45 p.m., still far from Aquatic Park.

Peterson's teammates in the long, grueling race were Bob Roper, John Parent, Joe Flahaven, Mike Dower and Jerry Dunn.

Some 2000 people cheered the Dolphin Club's Liberty as he reached shore at Aquatic Park. He was welcomed by his teammates, who also received a thunderous ovation.